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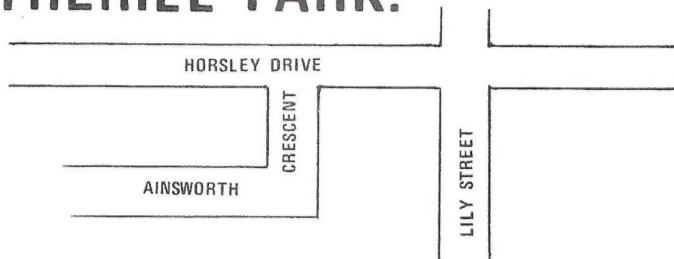
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MY VIEW

by RALE RASIC.

As we near the halfway stage in the second year of the Philips Soccer League, it is good to look back on what has been achieved.

Believe me, the PSL has achieved much.

At a time when Soccer in Australia appeared to be drifting nowhere and it was a joke to even contemplate a serious challenge to Rugby League or Australian Rules, along came the Philips Soccer League.

It was like a shot in the arm, an injection of enthusiasm on all sides to lift the game to new heights. Soccer badly needed something big to improve and promote its image. Nothing could promote it better than a national competition, and so the PSL was born.

There were doubters at first. They feared the crippling cost of air travel. They imagined Sydney spectators would not watch Melbourne teams, and outposts like Canberra and Brisbane, wallowing for years in Soccer mediocrity, would be humiliated when their teams met the giants from Victoria and NSW.

The doubters, and the knockers, have been silenced. If the Philips Soccer League doesn't put the code on the map in Australia, nothing ever will.

Look at Adelaide City, for instance. They have achieved miracles at their Olympic Sportsfield. They built their own dressing rooms - on a par with some in Europe - erected a fine club house on the ground, and play in excellent surroundings with spectators comfortably seated in a large stand.

Adelaide City, with a smaller population than Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane on which to draw, attracted more spectators to their matches last year than any other team.

South Melbourne, also, play on a fine ground at Middle Park. They are about to build a social club there, costing \$300,000. Canberra City are THE success story of the competition with big crowds and a new \$5,000,000 stadium. Today's visitors, Newcastle KB United, similarly, have taken enormous strides forward in only a matter of weeks. We all know what has been achieved by Marconi. And even Sydney Olympic now have a licensed club ... after saying it couldn't be done for the past 20 years!

It is not surprising that a queue is forming for admission to the PSL. Toongabbie, Inter Monaro, Apia Leichhardt, Croatia ... all these and more want to get into the action. They've seen the light at last.



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Newcastle

- A Big Gain For Competition

by DAVID JACK of the Sydney Sun.

Clearly, it was an inspired move when the Philips Soccer League decided to admit Newcastle KB United in place of the floundering Mooroolbark.

Mooroolbark, like Western Suburbs and Easts Hakoah, constantly fought a losing battle to attract spectators to matches. Unlike Wests and Hakoah, however, Mooroolbark was not backed by revenue-producing social clubs. The financial burden on the shoulders of the Mooroolbark officials must have been crippling and perhaps it was a merciful release when the team was evicted from the Philips League.

In lobbying to gain admission, Newcastle KB United presented a solid case. They had a monopoly of talent in a well-populated area. It was, as many old-timers recall, one of the traditional homes of Soccer in Australia. Northern New South Wales cried out for top Soccer, but could they afford it?

That question was answered emphatically by a forward thinking committee of business and Soccer people in Newcastle. "Give us a go and we won't let you down", they told the Philips League.

Those men have proved as good as their word.

In fact, after the first nine rounds of the competition, Newcastle KB United, along with the well-supported South Melbourne, topped the match attendance charts with an average crowd of around 8,000.

Tooths Brewery came to the party with cash help. Players were recruited to form a team which, though not the best in the PSL, looks reasonably capable of putting up some sort of a show. Newcastle may do even better than that by going on to a top four place. We must wait and see.

Perhaps, one of the biggest gains with the admission of Newcastle United was the team's home ground - the International Sports Centre. It has a magnificent grandstand - a rarity in NSW Soccer - and visiting teams are full of praise for the treatment they receive when they visit the International Sports Centre.

The message, then, must be WELCOME NEWCASTLE KB UNITED.

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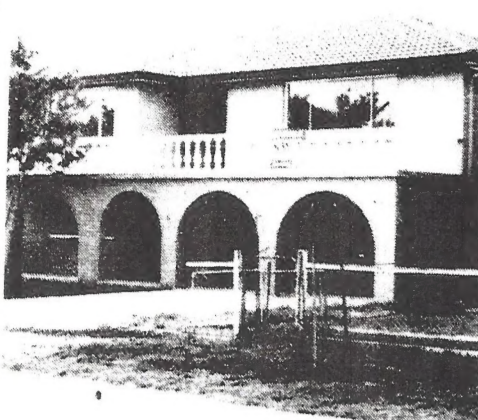
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UNO PER UNO GLI AZZURRI

a cura di M. PAGNIN



JIMMY ROONEY: La vecchia guardia e la nuova, ovvero Rooney e Jankovics. Jimmy Rooney non ha voluto rivelarci i suoi dati anagrafici, ma dovrebbe avere 32 o 33 anni.

Pura razza scozzese, Rooney ha giocato con discreto successo in Inghilterra con il Peterborough, poi in Scozia con il Montrose dove, in seguito ad un serio infortunio di gioco, sembrava dovesse concludere anzitempo la carriera.

Rooney si trasferì in Australia e cominciò tutto daccapo. Debuttò a Melbourne con l'Essendon Lions (due campionati), poi si trasferì a Sydney per giocare nel Prague (altri due campionati).

Rooney ebbe il suo periodo migliore nelle file dell'Apia con la quale giocò per ben cinque campionati. Quando la società granata decise di non entrare a far parte della Philips League, Rooney fu richiesto dal Marconi. Era destino quindi che il piccolo maratoneta scozzese dovesse giocare ancora al servizio di un club italiano.

Rooney ha disputato la bellezza di 48 partite con la maglia della nazionale australiana segnando 10 reti. Abbiamo parlato al telefono con il centrocampista e gli abbiamo fatto alcune domande di cui riportiamo fedelmente le risposte.

- D. — Come giudichi il campionato sin qui disputato dal Marconi? Pensi che sia l'anno buono per portare lo scudetto a Bossley Park?
- R. — Abbiamo sicuramente superato ogni aspettativa e senza alcuni infortuni in questa ultima parte del girone d'andata avremmo potuto fare ancora meglio. Penso proprio che vinceremo il campionato. Le altre tre squadre che parteciperanno alla Gran Finale dovrebbero uscire da questo ristretto gruppo: S. Melbourne, Hakoah, West Adelaide e Lions di Brisbane dove gioca il mio amicone Bennett.
- D. — Come valuti il rendimento di Jankovics e Vieri?
- R. — Roberto ha una indubbia classe, una classe tutta personale e sa far correre la palla come pochi. Ha però bisogno di un paio di "cursori" che corrano e contrastano perché il suo compito è quello di impostare e quando ci dobbiamo difendere è di scarso aiuto. Mark è un attaccante che vede molto bene lo specchio della porta. È opportunistico ed è molto veloce. Rasic, Vieri e l'ambiente amichevole del Marconi lo hanno aiutato a riacquistare fiducia nei propri mezzi che sono notevoli.
- D. — Hai accennato a Rasic. Come lo giudichi?
- R. — Sono anni che conosco Rasic e tutti sanno che ho una grande ammirazione per lui, sia come uomo che come tecnico che considero il migliore in Australia e uno dei più preparati del mondo;
- D. — Siamo ormai alla vigilia dei mondiali, quale squadra è la tua favorita?
- R. — La Scozia logicamente, seguita nell'ordine da Brasile, Argentina, Germania e Italia. Sono convinto che gli italiani saranno la sorpresa dei mondiali.
- D. — Quali sono i giocatori che ti hanno impressionato più degli altri in Australia e all'estero?
- R. — Jimmy McKay e Butler tra quelli locali. Pelè, George Best e Beckenbauer tra i fuoriclasse.
- D. — Per quanto pensi di poter ancora giocare? Cosa farai quando appenderai le scarpe al fatidico chiodo?
- R. — Finché mi diverto come sto facendo adesso il giorno del mio ritiro è ancora lontano. Credo che giocherò per altri tre anni poi inizierò la carriera di allenatore.
- D. — Oltre al calcio hai qualche particolare interesse?
- R. — Ho il mio lavoro e da buon scozzese non disdegno di andare alle corse dei cavalli.

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Questo è Jimmy Rooney. Uno dei giocatori professionalmente più seri e dedicati del campionato australiano. Un giocatore che corre ininterrottamente per 90' e che non si arrende mai. Sbaglierà molti passaggi, ma copre una vasta zona del campo. Dotato di un buon tiro, soprattutto nei calci di punizione, è un tantino sgraziato nello stile, ma è un grande lottatore. È una pedina insostituibile nel meccanismo azzurro.



MARK JANKOVICS: L'ultimo acquisto azzecato di Rale Rasic che ha pronosticato un roseo futuro per il 22 attaccante di origine ungherese. Jankovics è nato il 5 aprile 1956 a Sydney. Cresciuto nel vivaio del St. George ha lasciato la società quest'anno per passare nelle file del Marconi. Nel St. George aveva disputato un campionato deludente, ma la colpa non era stata del tutto sua, ma del tecnico che non era riuscito a sfruttare in pieno le notevoli doti del giocatore.

Nel Marconi Jankovics è risorto a nuova vita grazie alla particolare attenzione dell'allenatore Rasic che lo stima e lo considera uno dei migliori attaccanti del campionato. Ma il merito principale dell'esplosione di Mark è senz'altro da attribuirsi a Roberto Vieri. Jankovics così si è espresso:

"Giocare con Vieri per me è facilissimo. Con Roberto giochiamo l'uno due in maniera esemplare e i suoi lanci sono adatti alle mie caratteristiche. Io preferisco partire da lontano. Anche Sharne ha iniziato a giocare l'uno-due con ottimi risultati".

Abbiamo avvicinato Jankovics negli spogliatoi del Wentworth Park dopo l'incontro pareggiato Marconi con il Sydney Olympic e gli abbiamo fatto alcune domande.

- D. — Come ti è sembrata la partita appena conclusa?
 R. — Ad un primo tempo dei greci ha fatto da contraltare una nostra stupenda ripresa. Sharne poteva segnare all'inizio, ma ha tirato troppo piano. Non capisco perché l'arbitro non ha concesso il rigore su due consecutivi atterramenti di Sharne. Il pareggio comunque mi sembra un risultato che accontenta entrambe le squadre.
- D. — Chi vincerà i mondiali? Hai qualche favorita?
 R. — Il Brasile perché oltre alla grande classe avrà il vantaggio del pubblico. Al secondo posto vedo bene l'Olanda.
- D. — Chi vincerà il campionato?
 R. — Senz'altro il Marconi. Non ci sono squadre in grado di contrastarci il passo.
- D. — Quali sono i giocatori che ammiri di più?
 R. — Roberto Vieri qui in Australia e l'olandese Cruiff tra i fuoriclasse.
- D. — Quale è stato il momento calcistico più bello della tua carriera?
 R. — Contro il St. George quando dopo un minuto dal mio ingresso in campo ho segnato un gol che ha dato alla mia squadra due punti molto importanti.
- D. — Come giudichi Rasic?
 R. — Il mister è professionalmente indiscutibile, ma quello che più conta è che ti sa caricare e ti fa davvero sentire un campione. Anche Prskalo, Rooney e Byrne, oltre al già menzionato Vieri, sono sei veri professionisti.
- D. — Cosa ti aspetti dal futuro?
 R. — Vincere lo scudetto con il Marconi, indossare la maglia della nazionale e possibilmente vincere la classifica cannonieri. Il traguardo più importante rimane però il primo.

Questo è Mark Jankovics. Un ragazzo modesto che ha trovato al Marconi l'ambiente adatto per dimostrare il suo notevole valore. Dotato di grandi mezzi atletici Jankovics ha nello scatto e nell'elevazione i suoi pezzi migliori. Ha un fiuto per il gol eccezionale e preferisce partire in progressione da lontano per aprire i varchi ai compagni. Avrà senz'altro un roseo futuro in maglia azzurra.

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A word with Jimmy Rooney and Mark Jankovics.

(A translation of the Italian language interviews by Maurizio Pagani in this programme).

JIMMY ROONEY: After playing 48 times for Australia's national team, nobody would doubt that Jimmy Rooney is one of THE biggest players in the code here - despite his shortage of inches! Jimmy, however, has not lost his affection for the country of his birth - which is why he tips Scotland to win the World Cup in Argentina. He suggests Italy, Argentina and Brazil will be the other three semi-finalists.

On the home front, Jimmy has no hesitation in selecting Marconi to win the Philips Soccer League and he believes the other top four spots will be fought out between South Melbourne, Easts Hakoah, West Adelaide and Brisbane Lions.

Discussing his own Marconi team mates, Rooney says : "The signing of Roberto Vieri was a good one. He is a player full of class. Also, Mark Jankovics is a talented striker and has replaced Ernie Campbell better than anyone anticipated".

Ask Rooney about his favourite players and he says : "As far as Australia is concerned, I always admired Jimmy Mackay and Terry Butler. Overseas stars? You cannot go better than Pele, Beckenbauer and Best".

Rooney played football in Scotland with Montrose and in England with Peterborough United. He then moved to Melbourne with Lions (2 years) before switching to Sydney F.C. Prague for another two years. He then spent five years with Apia Leichhardt and is in his second year at Marconi.

Summing-up that career, Jimmy commented : "The best club of the whole lot is Marconi, and the best coach in the country is Rale Rasic. In fact, Rasic could be one of the best in the world".

Rooney's only hobby apart from Soccer is horse racing. He hopes to continue playing with Marconi for another two or three years before turning to coaching. Jimmy also says he would like to continue to represent Australia.

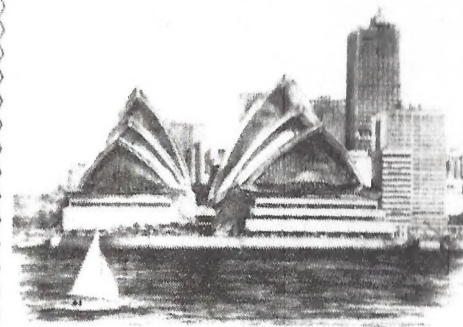
MARK JANKOVICS: This exciting young striker joined Marconi this year on a transfer from St. George BSC. He took over from Ernie Campbell, now with Easts Hakoah.

Born on April 5, 1956 in Sydney, Jankovics was in Australia's national squad in 1976 but failed to hold his place. Having tasted international Soccer, it is not surprising that he lists as one of his three ambitions winning his place back with the national team this year.

Mark's other two ambitions? To help Marconi win the 1978 Philips Soccer League and to finish the season as Australia's leading goal scorer.

He talks about his Marconi colleagues : "I admire Jimmy Rooney for his wonderful dedication and Roberto Vieri for being so easy to play with. Vieri has a great one-two touch game and he has got me, as well as Peter Sharne, playing that way successfully. I also have great respect for Ivo Prskalo for his professional approach to Soccer, and Gary Byrne for his all-round skill".

Like most players, Mark is happy to make World Cup predictions. He believes Brazil and Holland will be the finalists in Argentina.



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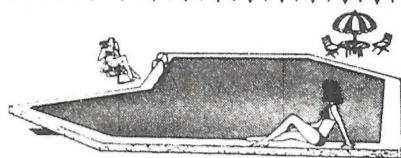
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As Johnny Warren discovered a year ago, it is a tremendously difficult business to start from scratch with a new team in the Philips Soccer League. Warren worked wonders at Canberra City and now Newcastle KB United appears certain to repeat the Canberra success story.

Newcastle has even more going for it than Canberra. There is a much bigger population on which to draw for crowds and Northern NSW also has a great tradition in Soccer which cannot be matched by Canberra.

Newcastle KB United's early results indicated the team would take up permanent residence at the bottom of the PSL table but that depressing outlook has been considerably brightened. Newcastle has achieved some good results recently and there is even talk now of the team winning a top four place.

We would like you to meet Newcastle KB United, starting with coach Alan Vest.

Vest has enjoyed success since switching from playing to coaching. After playing for New Zealand in the 1974 World Cup preliminaries, Vest moved to Australia where he became Director of Coaching in West Australia.

He was strongly tipped to take over the Australian coaching job which, however, went to Jimmy Shoulder. Vest returned to his home country, England, to coach with fourth division Rochdale, but was soon back here as assistant coach to Mike Laing at Western Suburbs.

When it became clear that Newcastle was about to challenge for a place in the Philips Soccer League, Alan Vest was appointed coach of the new team and started recruiting players from here and from Britain.

These are the Newcastle players:-

- (1) **PHILIP DANDO:** goalkeeper. Played for New Zealand in international matches but switched to Australian Soccer a year ago to play for Brisbane Lions in the PSL. Transferred this season from Brisbane to Newcastle.
- (2) **PETER WILLIS:** full-back. This 20 year-old from Yorkshire had a trial for the England Schools X1. Signed as apprentice professional for Leeds United straight from school and was playing in Leeds reserve team when invited to move to Australia this year.
- (15) **COL CURRAN:** full-back. One of the greatest Australian players of the past decade, Curran played many times for the national team with outstanding success. Before the 1974 World Cup, Australia's coach, Rale Rasic, said Curran could hold his own in any country in the world. Curran was transferred this year from Western Suburbs for \$7,000. Had a short spell with Manchester United as a teenager.
- (5) **BILL SUMMERSCALES:** centre-half. Played 250 matches as a full-time professional in England with Rochdale and Port Vale.
- (6) **ROY DRINKWATER:** defender. Another recruit from English football, Drinkwater was an apprentice pro with Manchester United. Played in New Zealand for Christchurch United and was voted NZ "Player of the Year" in 1975. Played with Brisbane Lions last season. Now captain of Newcastle KB United.

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- (7) **LLOYD HARDES:** *forward. A local boy, Hardey comes from the Wallsend Club. Last season he was lured to Western Suburbs but returned to his home town when Newcastle were admitted to the Philips League. Age 20.*
- (4) **CRAIG MASON:** *midfield. English-born Mason was an apprentice professional with Arsenal and later played for Sheffield Wednesday. He has played consistently well for his new team this year.*
- (18) **CRAIG JOHNSTON:** *midfield. One of the few Australian-born players to play first division football in England, Johnston is a full-time professional with Middlesbrough. He returned to Australia recently to play as a guest for Newcastle. He caused quite a stir when refusing selection for Australia against the touring Greece next month.*
- (13) **MIKE GALPIN:** *midfield or forward. A speedy, talented, player who was a full-timer with Bournemouth in England. Moved from Bournemouth to non-League football at Dorchester Town before coming to Australia.*
- (9) **KENNY BODEN:** *centre forward. One of the big successes of this Newcastle side, Boden has scored several important goals in the Philips League. Age 27, he was with Doncaster Rovers in England last year.*
- (17) **BOB MOUNTFORD:** *forward. A player with Huddersfield Town in England, Mountford is with Newcastle KB United on a loan agreement and will return to England later.*
- (3) **NEAL ENDACOTT:** *midfield. Only 18, Endacott played with Lloyds Hardey, both at school and at Wallsend. Starred in the 1977 Australian Youth Championships. Went to Scotland to improve his game with Heart of Midlothian in Edinburgh.*
- (20) **OSSIE BELLAMY:** *goalkeeper. Age 25, a local player who was signed from the 1977 premier team, Weston. Has represented Northern NSW. Now reserve goalie to Dando.*
- (14) **JOHN SNEDDON:** *centre half. Age 24, captained the Northern NSW representative team last year. Captained West Wallsend who transferred him to his present club. Won the 1977 Sun-Qantas "Player of the Year" award.*
- (10) **PETER KAY:** *forward. English-born Kay is 21. Formerly with Rotherham United and also played non-League football in U.K.*

Saints Give Marconi A Fright.

Marconi's most recent home game, against old rivals St. George BSC, was, as predicted, a closely-contested affair. Whenever these teams meet there is plenty of excitement, and it was no different this time.

The most significant aspect of the match was the huge number of local players in action. Marconi had 10 Australian-born players while Saints had probably another seven. If two clubs can produce such top talent from Australian youngsters, why do other teams find it necessary to bring a constant flow of overseas players here?

The Marconi v St. George match was a credit to both teams and it says a lot for the future of the game when so many home-bred stars can provide such entertainment for 8,000 hard-to-please spectators.

Marconi had an excellent first half but could only cross over with a one goal lead. Immediately after the interval, Saints gave Marconi a shock by getting the equalising goal after a defensive error. That mistake could have cost Marconi a point.

But, like true champions, Marconi picked up their game again, revealing good team spirit which produced a wonderful winning goal.

Mark Jankovics, who came on as a substitute, sent Peter Sharne down the wing with a good pass. Sharne beat George Harris and crossed to the goalmouth where Jankovics, shrugging off injury worries, was on the spot to head in one of the best goals anyone will see in the Philips League this year.

Young Mark really should never have played. He wasn't kidding about his groin injury - it was bad. But he came on to do a job ... and his winning goal may prove crucial as the battle for the championship heats up.

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PAUL DEGNEY in Action !

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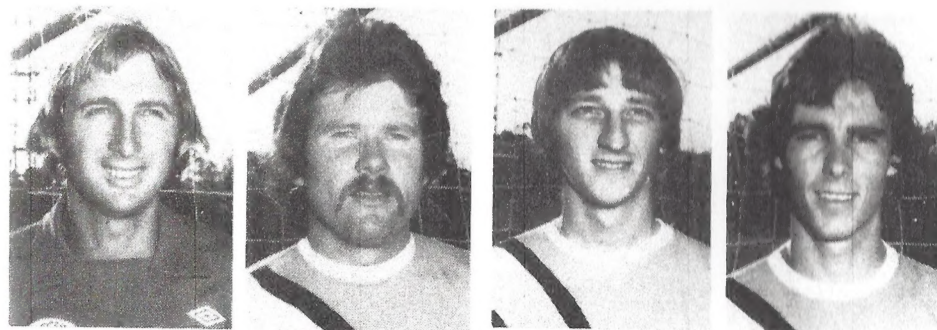
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MARCONI vs. CROATIA SYDNEY

CLUB NEWS from MARCONI

Congratulations to Marconi men, Allan Maher, Paul Degney, Peter Sharne and Gary Byrne on their selection for the various Australian Teams to play against Greece next month. All are a great credit to this club and we wish them luck in their matches. But ... why no Mark Jankovics?



With our team achieving such outstanding results this year, it's not surprising that some club members are beginning to think Marconi could even win the World Cup! Did you see the banner at a recent match? It stated "MARCONI FOR ARGENTINA". We love that. We could do with more banners around the ground - the sort of things you see on "The Big Match" television show. Who's next to make one?

If you don't believe success on the field brings in the cash, try comparing Marconi's crowd figures this year and last. Our gates are well above those of 1977 when we averaged 3,304 per game. Keep it up. Keep coming. Marconi needs you.

Talking about crowds, Canberra City's first five home games this year attracted more people than they pulled in for the whole of 1977. Clearly the fine grand stand at the Bruce Stadium is helping Canberra.

Many Club Marconi members have commented about the ABC series on Thursday night TV called "The Game of the Century". It's compelling viewing all right, but when you see some of the grounds overseas, doesn't it make you envious?

Let's face it ... Australia is years behind the rest of the world in facilities. We at Marconi are better off than most Australian Soccer teams, but even so ... there's a long way to go before we can say we're satisfied.

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President Tony Labbozzetta, with Joe Morizzi, Rale Rasic and Jim Rooney did a good public relations job for Soccer at a Rugby Union function recently. All turned up at "Charlie Chan's" Restaurant in Mosman to help the Greg Davis Appeal.

On the night, \$1,000 was raised for the seriously ill Rugby player and the code of Soccer made many new friends.

On behalf of all of us at Marconi, we wish to extend to Barry Jones a speedy recovery after an unfortunate injury.

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